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Excise Police and IMPD raid Bootleg locations outside Lucas Oil Stadium

Indianapolis, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police officers conducted a joint investigation which resulted in the issuance of 40 summonses to 17 people at two separate locations located in the 900 block of South Kenwood Avenue.

These two locations are located approximately 4 blocks from Lucas Oil Stadium. Complaints on these two locations were lodged by Colts Fans who park and walk past these locations on their way to the Colts games. Complainants advised the proprietors of these locations were approaching fans and attempting to sell them alcoholic beverages.

The joint investigation conducted by both agencies resulted in the issuance of search warrants for the two locations. Arrests resulting from the service of the search warrants are listed below.

Walter Solomon, age 76, was charged with 1 count of Corrupt Business Influence, 2 counts Money Laundering, 2 Counts Maintaining a Public Nuisance, 2 Counts of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages without a Permit, 2 Counts of Sales of Alcoholic Beverages when Times Unlawful, 1 count of Possession of a Handgun by a convicted violent felon, 1 count of Dealing in Cocaine, and 1 count of Possession of Cocaine.

William Sanders, age 56, was charged with 3 counts of Maintaining a Public Nuisance, 3 counts of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages When Times Unlawful, and 3 counts of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Without a Permit.

Less Edmondson, age 86, was charged with 3 counts of Maintaining a Public Nuisance, 1 count of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Without a Permit, and 1 count of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages When Times Unlawful.

Additionally 14 persons were issued summonses charging them with Visiting a Public Nuisance.

The investigation progressed with the procurement of two additional search warrants for a vehicle and a private residence. The service of the additional search warrants resulted in the discovery of business records, \$1,900 in cash and, an illegally owned handgun.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they primarily focus on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.